

WASHINGTON COUNTY RAP ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 18, 2016

Chairwoman Summer Robertson called the RAP Advisory Board to order at 12:05 PM on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Washington County Administration Building, 197 E. Tabernacle St., St. George, UT. Those in attendance were: RAP Advisory Board; Summer Robertson, Gary Sanders, Doug Caputo, Todd Jones, Richard Kohler and Allison Hunt. Others in attendance included Amy Nielson & Mathew Castleman from St. George Opera, Deputy County Attorney Brian Graf and Deputy County Clerk Cheyenne Bentley.

WELCOME:

Summer Robertson welcomed everyone in attendance and acknowledged the presence of Amy Nielson and Matthew Castleman who were in attendance from the St. George Opera. They announced they will be holding their first performance in the Electric Theater in the upcoming weeks. Ms. Nielson explained they are hopeful to serve approximately 500-800 people in 2017 with four to five (4-5) shows throughout the upcoming year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 4, 2016

Motion: **Motion by Doug Caputo to approve the minutes of October 4, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Todd Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.**

APPROVAL OF AMENDED BY-LAWS & GUIDELINES

Deputy County Attorney Brian Graf explained there was still a question regarding the use of the word 'history' in the by-laws, as that word was not included in the original question on the ballot that was voted upon by the citizens of Washington County. He mentioned he will obtain clarification from the County Commission as to whether they will still be able to allocate funds to historical applications based on the interpretation of the language used on the ballot.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Kayenta Arts

Kayenta is seeking \$310,000 to be used for lighting, sound and video equipment, theater seating, and operational staff. The Board agreed that it is a worthwhile organization and voted to consider it further, but at a significantly reduced amount.

League of Utah Writers

The Board had concerns with the organization's 501c3 address being in Murray, UT. Upon further review of the application it was determined that the local chapter of the League of Utah Writers is the Heritage Writer's Guild. The Board agreed that Heritage Writer's Guild should be the applicant for funding as they are the local chapter and voted not to further consider the application for funding, five (5) votes to one (1).

Leeds Town- CCC Camps

Due to the question of whether or not historical applications can be funded, the Board voted to table this application until further clarification can be made.

Lieto Voices

Lieto is seeking \$2,500 to present six to eight (6-8) concerts throughout the year at multiple venues. The Board agreed to further consider the application for funding.

Rebel Jazz Band

Rebel Jazz Band is seeking \$20,528 to perform at multiple events throughout the county, as well as for an upgraded sound system. The Board agreed to further consider the application for funding, at a reduced amount.

Redrock Writers

Redrock Writers are seeking \$1,500 for funding of several small projects, including speaker fees and contest prizes. They mainly focus on poetry and work with schools. The Board agreed to further consider their application for funding.

Silver Reef

Due to the question of whether or not historical applications can be funded, the Board voted to table this application until further clarification can be made.

Southern Utah Art Guild

Southern Utah Art Guild is seeking \$50,000 for administrative salaries, as they are in need of dedicated people who want to keep the organization running smoothly and effectively. The Guild consists of 170 members and art is displayed in the Electric Theater. The Board voted to further consider this application for funding, at a reduced amount.

Southern Utah Heritage Choir

Southern Utah Heritage Choir is seeking \$40,000 for venue rental and a Flag Day concert. They are a 200 member choir and recently finished a tour through Europe. The Board voted to further consider their application for funding, at a reduced amount.

Southern Utah Song Writers

Southern Utah Song Writers are seeking \$11,150 for youth school programs, as well as a monthly open mic night. The Board had concerns that the RAP Tax funds were their only source of funding, but voted to further consider their application for funding, at a reduced amount.

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SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Next Scheduled RAP Meeting: November 1, 2016 at 12:00 PM

Having no other business, the RAP Advisory Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.